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The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/lmi/lmi.htm>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Lake County

Located in northwestern Montana, Lake County is Montana's ninth most populous with 21,041 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Polson, the county seat, is the state's 22nd largest city with a population of 3,291. Lake County is home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation. The Flathead Reservation was established by the Hellgate Treaty of 1855. In 1845, Father Pierre Jean De-Smet arrived and helped establish the first permanent mission at St. Ignatius in 1854. Lake County is also home to the Mission Valley and Mission Mountain Range, Flathead Lake, the National Bison Range, Bob Marshall Wilderness and close to Glacier National Park.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Lake County households in 1989 was \$19,755. The county is 1,653.8 square miles in area; 1,493.8 square miles in land area and 159.9 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. Average monthly temperatures in the Mission Valley range from a minimum of 18.1 degrees above in January to a maximum of 82.2 above in July. The annual average precipitation is 14.5 inches and the growing season 130 days.

Lake County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/95 Estimate	7/1/94 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '95	% Change '90 to '94
Montana	870,281	856,057*	799,065	8.9%	7.1%
Lake County	24,479	23,653*	21,041	16.3%	12.4%
Polson	Not Available	4,029	3,291	Not Available	22.4%
Ronan	Not Available	1,737	1,547	Not Available	12.3%
St. Ignatius	Not Available	904	778	Not Available	16.2%

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*Revisions are available. Call if needed.

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Mission Valley Power		

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau
Third Quarter 1995 Unemployment Insurance Information

Annual Average Labor Force For Lake County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
1970	5,144	4,800	344	6.7%
1971	5,491	5,140	351	6.4%
1972	6,361	6,013	348	5.5%
1973	6,751	6,385	366	5.4%
1974	6,854	6,413	441	6.4%
1975	6,577	6,044	533	8.1%
1976	7,059	6,557	502	7.1%
1977	7,549	7,036	513	6.8%
1978	8,022	7,480	542	6.8%
1979	8,135	7,643	492	6.0%
1980	7,947	7,358	589	7.4%
1981	8,274	7,617	657	7.9%
1982	8,848	7,993	855	9.7%
1983	8,824	8,090	734	8.3%
1984	9,055	8,345	710	7.8%
1985	9,932	9,110	822	8.3%
1986	10,140	9,190	950	9.4%
1987	10,258	9,473	785	7.7%
1988	10,497	9,686	811	7.7%
1989	10,873	9,966	907	8.3%
1990	9,650	8,858	792	8.2%
1991	9,655	8,768	887	9.2%
1992	10,206	9,281	925	9.1%
1993	10,153	9,346	807	7.9%
1994	10,339	9,632	707	6.8%
1995	10,740	9,914	826	7.7%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	1,902	874	1,028
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	729	400	329
Professional Specialty Occupations	1,173	474	699
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	2,033	620	1,413
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	175	96	79
Sales Occupations	756	349	407
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	1,102	175	927
Service Occupations	1,507	433	1,074
Private Household Occupations	53	0	53
Protective Service Occupations	105	88	17
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	1,349	345	1,004
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	1,184	924	260
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	1,218	1,115	103
Mechanics and Repairers	432	414	18
Construction Trade	596	546	50
Extractive Occupations	11	11	0
Precision Production Occupations	179	144	35
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	1,202	986	216
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	372	287	85
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	425	383	42
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	405	316	89
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	29	16	13

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Resources

Chamber of Commerce:
Port Polson Chamber, P. O. Box 677, Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-5969
Ronan Chamber, P. O. Box 254, Ronan, MT 59824, 406-676-8300
St. Ignatius Chamber, P. O. Box 452, St. Ignatius, MT 59865-0452, 406-745-2190
Swan Lake Chamber, P. O. Box 133, Swan Lake, MT 59911, 406-886-2279

Department of Labor and Industry
Polson Job Service
417 Main St., Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-5261

Job Service Job Search Information Kiosk
Ronan—Mission Mountain IGA

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications
For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections, hourly pay by occupation and skills and education required to qualify for specific jobs, contact the bureau at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication.

Internet:
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>
Cities of Pablo, Polson, Ronan and St. Ignatius Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities

Housing Costs:
Northwest Montana Association of REALTORS®. 690 Meridian Road, Suite 105. Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-752-4197

Montana Motor Vehicle Division:
Drivers Licensing
Polson—11 Third Ave. W., Suite B, 406-883-3755

Newspapers:
Char-Koosta News, P. O. Box 278, Pablo, MT 59855, 406-675-3000
Lake County Leader, P. O. Box 1091, Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-4343

Public Libraries:
Jocko Valley Library, Arlee, MT 59821, 406-726-572
Polson City Library, 2 First Ave. E., Polson, MT 59860-0810, 406-883-8225
Ronan City Library, 203 Main St. S.W., Ronan, MT 59864-2706, 406-676-3682
St. Ignatius Public Library, 1st Ave., St. Ignatius, MT 59865, 406-745-2800
Swan Lake Public Library, Highway 83 South, Swan Lake, MT 59911-5115

Postsecondary Education Institutions:
Tribally Controlled Community Colleges
Salish-Kootenai College, P. O. Box 117, Pablo, MT 59855, 406-675-4800

Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:
Arlee Public Schools, P. O. Box 37, Arlee, MT 59821, 406-726-3216
Charlo Public Schools, P. O. Box 10, Charlo, MT 59824, 406-644-2207
Polson Public Schools, 111 Fourth Ave. E., Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-6355
Ronan Public Schools, Drawer R, Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-3390
St. Ignatius Schools, P. O. Box 400, St. Ignatius, MT 59865, 406-745-4420
Swan Lake-Salmon Elementary, Box 86, Swan Lake, MT 59911, 406-886-2374
Upper West Shore Elementary, P. O. Box 757, Pablo, MT 59855, 406-849-5484
Valley View Elementary, 7000 Valley View Road, Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-3051

Lake County Employment By Industry* Annual Averages 1995					
Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	740	6,765	Apparel & Accessories	11	45
PRIVATE BUSINESS	883	5,473	Furniture Stores	9	56
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	21	95	Eating & Drinking	67	541
Agri Production/Crops	5	53	Miscellaneous Retail	44	165
Agri Production/Livestock	3	2	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	48	257
Agriculture Services	10	28	Banking	7	188
CONSTRUCTION	104	283	Security & Commodity	4	6
General Building	35	124	Insurance Carriers	4	11
Heavy Construction	5	22	Insurance Agents	8	26
Special Trade	64	136	Real Estate	23	40
MANUFACTURING	45	796	SERVICES	205	2,248
Food Products	5	21	Hotels & Lodging	12	49
Lumber	15	316	Personal Services	13	33
Printing-Publishing	7	62	Business Services	15	33
Electric - Electrical Equipment	3	25	Auto Repair Services	8	20
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	31	210	Miscellaneous Repair Services	7	14
Local Transportation	3	18	Motion Pictures	4	20
Trucking-Warehousing	9	16	Amusement & Recreation	16	41
Transport Services	3	10	Health Services	34	578
Communication	6	58	Legal Services	11	37
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	6	95	Social Services	29	212
WHOLESALE TRADE	32	97	Membership Organizations	12	925
Durable Goods	17	40	Engineering Services	20	66
Nondurable Goods	15	57	Private Households	14	17
RETAIL TRADE	192	1,472	Miscellaneous Services	3	3
Bldg Materials-Garden	11	68	GOVERNMENT	57	1,291
General Merchandise	3	72	State	14	108
Food Stores	16	247	Local	17	1,018
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	28	253	Federal	26	164

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau
*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Montana	\$3,524	\$8,728	\$14,741	\$15,772	\$16,555	\$17,635	\$17,794
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	82%	82%	85%	82%
Lake County	\$2,513	\$6,718	\$12,901	\$13,467	\$14,447	\$15,307	\$15,717
% of National Average	62%	68%	69%	70%	72%	74%	72%

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